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PRE-GENEVA CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS - VI

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Participation of the Associated States:		
Franch spokesmen have expressed		
opposition to the participation of the Associated States,		
arguing that their attendance would provide the Communists with a justification for inviting the Viet Minh.		

There are indications that the Viet Minh desires to establish some sort of contact with the French authorities prior to the conference. Orbit propaganda has suggested that a pre-Geneva cease-fire would improve the prospects for a successful conference. Any French-Viet Minh contacts before Geneva would serve the Communist aims of disrupting Western unity and discrediting the Bao Dai government.

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